

Parent Tryout Information Meeting
Cheer Tryouts 2020-2021
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What to expect?

Our handbook/code of conduct can be found online on our website, www.edisoncheer.com Please read this handbook in its entirety before trying out. Please ask questions. Make sure you understand the time and financial commitment of being a part of a year round competitive cheer program before trying out. Cheer is a year round activity/sport, students will be enrolled in the 6th period cheer ensemble class for both the fall and spring semesters and will earn PE credit.

1. **Costs:** overnight cheer camp, uniforms, gym rental, coaches' pay, team tumbling class, transportation, athletic trainer, choreography, music, competition fees, practice clothes, poms, bows, holiday party, banquet and awards,
 - i. Cheer approx yearly amount for a new member = ~\$3600, approximate yearly amount for a returning member \$3200 ((including overnight camp, uniforms, coaching, competition fees, transportation, athletic trainer, choreography, gym rental)
 - ii. **Donation/Contribution Schedule-Cash or Checks Payable to Edison High School Cheer. 5 payments (April 9-\$1000, May-online credit card payment directly to Varsity Spirit for uniform purchase, July 27-\$500, August 21-\$500, September 18-\$500, October 16-\$500) If an alternate donation scheduled is needed (example, smaller more frequent payments), please email the advisor directly to arrange it. The ASB office accepts credit cards, but does a charge a 3% fee. If the team decides to do an overnight competition, there will be additional costs associated with the trip.**
 - iii. Approximate \$3,000 cost breakdown a year per athlete: \$550 overnight camp, \$600 competitions fees/expenses, \$300 gym/studio rentals, \$150 camp/practice clothes/gear, \$1400 coaching including tumbling/technique classes) additional uniform expenses paid directly to Varsity Uniform Company-varies by individual order most between \$200-\$300 returner, \$500-\$600 new member for a total of \$3400-3600
 - iv. General fund fundraisers cover additional coaching cost, supplies, trainer fee per athlete, transportation costs, holiday party, banquet, senior events, extra clothing/gear gift items for bell week and homecoming, fundraiser expenses (banners, mini camp shirts and poms, supplies for showcase),
 - v. No refunds for girls who break their contract. No refunds for uniforms once they are ordered.

2. **Absences:**

Absences may result in a team member being benched or becoming an alternate, attendance is critical for the team's progress and safety. If an absence occurs and an alternate is able to replace a team member with the same level of skill, the person with the absence may become the alternate
Unexcused Absences within 10 days of a performance may result in a loss of a position in the routine

3. **Competition is mandatory** for all team members:

Coaches choose competition teams and no one's position is guaranteed, competition routine placement may change throughout the season up to the discretion of the coach and/or advisor, what is best for the team/program will always be top consideration. Athletes may become alternates at any given time at the discretion of the coach/advisor. Spring Tryout results determine sideline team placement. Competition team placement may be determined in the summer and can change at any time throughout the season. A varsity sideline placement does not guarantee a spot on the varsity competition team.

Tryouts

Cheer Tryout Clinics (where the tryout material is taught) April 1st and 2nd 3:30-5:30pm on the EHS blacktop, Tryouts April 3rd starting at 2pm (returners will go first), results posted online the night of 4/3 by tryout ID number.

- All students will need to completely fill out the Tryout Application. It includes 3 teacher recommendations (Math, English and your choice of a teacher/coach), a questionnaire about the applicant's skills, and attach grade verifications (copy of report card) as well as other forms requiring a parent/guardian signature.
- For the tryouts, please wear a white t shirt (no logos or designs please), black or dark colored spandex/athletic shorts, athletic shoes, hair pulled back in a ponytail with a white or green bow-no logos or designs.
- Cheer – Tumbling: Coaches will spot you and then you will be required to throw your skills without assistance at the clinics.
- Cheer will learn one cheer and one dance (fight song)
- Tryout Results will be posted online on 4/3 in the evening (the link to the results will be given out at tryouts)

- Students will tryout in small groups or pairs depending on amount of candidates
- GPA and teacher evaluations will be factored into the score and team placements
- Final score sheets will not be viewed by the students or parents under any circumstances. All decisions are final.

What if I make the team?

- **Mandatory Parent Meeting-Thursday, April 9th room 248; 6-7pm** It is very important that all cheerleaders have a parent/guardian present at this meeting. Please bring donation/contribution #1 to this meeting (cash or check payable to Edison cheer).
- **Join our team shutterfly page, all of the important information and our updated practice/event calendar is on this site, go to <https://edisoncheerandsong.shutterfly.com> and request to join the page, please set up your shutterfly account with your first and last name**
- **Handbook/Contract**-Read the EHS Cheer & Song Contract for 2020-21 in its entirety from www.edisoncheer.com before accepting a position on the team.
- **Physicals**-Get a participation physical completed at EHS physical day Saturday, May 9th 10am-2pm cost is \$30 or at your MD, you must use the official Edison/district form found at edisonchargers.com (athletic information). Return the physical form to Mrs. Speegle by June 11th if you have it done at your doctor's office.
- **Uniform Fitting: May 8th** is our uniform fitting with the Varsity uniform rep beginning at 2-3pm returners, new members 3-4pm in Room 248, parents are welcome to attend with their cheerleader.
- Students will be enrolled in the 6th period cheer class for the 2020-2021 school year and will earn pe credit

Practices begin the week of **April 6th**

Cheer practice days/times: Tuesdays 7-9pm, Wednesdays/Thursdays 3:30-6pm at EHS (summer schedule will be different days/times, the updated summer calendar is on the shutterfly calendar, all athletes and their families will have access to the shutterfly calendar after tryouts)

Cheer Summer Break: June 26-July 26

This is a good time to plan vacations, dental and routine doctor's appointments. August will be a very busy month for the squads, please avoid planning any trips/vacations during this time, 100% attendance will be crucial to the success and progress of the teams. Please check the shutterfly calendar regularly and please contact us with any questions about upcoming dates or conflicts with as much advance notice as possible

If you have a scheduled prepaid vacation already planned during the non summer break times, please write the dates on your tryout application so we can note it.

Important
Summer
Dates

- **Var Cheer Overnight Camp: June 19-22; JV Cheer Overnight Camp: August 1-4**
- Team picture day at HB Pier-August Aug 21 9am
- Begin Bell Week Poster Making-dates in July/August tba
- Mini Cheer Camp at Edison-August 10-12th
- School begins Wednesday, August 26th